House Resolution No. 3331

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the 21st Supermarket of Veterans Benefits program, which will be held June 5, 2004, at Vashon High School in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, presented by the Missouri Veterans Benefits Awareness Task Force, the 21st Supermarket of Veterans Benefits program is an information and services program developed to guide and enlighten veterans regarding their veterans' benefits; and

Whereas, sponsors of the 21st Supermarket of Veterans Benefits include Lieutenant Governor Joe Maxwell, the Missouri Veterans Commission, and the SuperMarket of Veterans Benefits Committee; and

Whereas, the 21st Supermarket of Veterans Benefits will provide job search assistance, small business assistance, health screenings, educational opportunities, veterans benefits, credit/debt assistance, and legal assistance; and

Whereas, since 2001, more than 9,000 Missourians received assistance through Veterans Supermarkets and the toll-free benefits hotline; and

Whereas, due to these outreach efforts, Veterans Affairs disability payments to Missouri veterans increased by \$54 million in 2003 over the previous year; and

Whereas, the first three Veterans Supermarkets in the St. Louis area served more than 850 veterans and gave the taskforce a model program that could be developed across the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, Missouri veterans and their families have made great sacrifices for their country and deserve to receive the benefits to which they are entitled:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with the 21st Supermarket of Veterans Benefits program at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during the 21st Supermarket of Veterans Benefits program.

Offered by	
	Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3331, adopted June 4, 2004.